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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Special Operations

SUBJECT: Communications

REFERENCE: Memo from Chief, Communications Division, CSC, to AFSC on above subject, dated 1 March 1949, enclosing:

- (1) Memo to ☐ Radio Network
- (2) Table showing status of communications personnel as of 1 March 1949
- (3) Memo re communications support for future CSC Program
- (4) Memo re allocation of supply positions

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1. On 1 March 1949 the reference was left with me at a conference with the Acting Assistant Director for ☐ and his Communications and Deputy Communications Officers.

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2. The problems of personnel procurement and training space have been fairly well solved. Space is being prepared at the ☐ and procurement of personnel expedited through setting of attainable standards, establishment of varied training programs, and authorization for provisional clearance for an adequate number of trainees to meet eventual overseas requirements.

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3. The overseas program proposed in reference (3) is approved for implementation to the extent possible within your capabilities and project plans. This does not constitute approval for the recommended increase in departmental personnel.

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4. Closing of the ☐ network is not desired. It should be at least maintained on a stand-by basis, and appropriately manned when trained personnel can be made available.

5. a. Reference (2) indicates the following current status of communications personnel:

(1) Departmental:

- * Authorization
- On duty
- In process
- Vacancies

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*Total does not include 14 additional positions recently authorized for training staffs.

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(2) Overseas:

Authorization
On duty
In process
Vacancies

[Redacted]

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(10 vacancies blocked by [Redacted] action included in the 21 total)

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b. [Redacted] additional positions are listed in reference (3) as being required for overseas projects. This is not consistent with the fact that 10 of the 21 currently authorized vacancies are blocked for procurement purposes. It is assumed that these 10 positions will immediately be released for procurement purposes concurrently with or prior to submission of personnel requisitions for the additional [Redacted] overseas positions for expansion purposes.

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c. (1) It is noted that approximately [Redacted] of your currently authorized departmental communications personnel positions are vacant, and that candidates are not yet in process for [Redacted] of such positions.

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(2) Authorization has already been given (to augment training staffs) for 14 of the additional [Redacted] positions requested in references (3) and (4) for departmental needs, leaving [Redacted] of the requested [Redacted] new departmental positions not authorized, and increasing the number of vacancies in your authorized departmental positions from [Redacted]

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(3) It is not considered sound to authorize an additional [Redacted] positions until the excessive number of existing vacancies is at least nearly filled and we can determine more definitely the load we can carry with currently authorized personnel actually on duty. However, the Management Officer has been instructed to reexamine your departmental requirements for communications personnel and make recommendations to the Executive based on his findings. No further action will be taken on departmental increases pending receipt of these recommendations.

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6. Reference has been discussed in detail by the Deputy Executive and your communications officials, during which general agreement was reached on the above basis.

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Director of Central Intelligence

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